

Treasury Department,

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Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., February 2, 1899.

Frank H. Hitchcock, Esq.,

Chief, Section of Foreign Markets,

Department of Agriculture.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 28th. ultimo, I submit herewith revised figures of equivalents of certain foreign silver coins, for the years 1885 - 1898. The equivalent of the Mexican Dollar for a number of years prior to 1885, is also submitted.

The changes in the equivalent of the India Rupee for Fiscal years is caused by taking the average for the twelve months (ending March 31), from the average pence price.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

VARIATIONS IN THE VALUE OF THE MEXICAN SILVER PESO.

Years.

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1810, \$1.0300
1831, 1.0332
1841, 1.0345
1851, 1.0507
1856, 1.0561
1861, 1.0474
1865, 1.0509
1870, 1.0431

1873, \$1.0196
1874, 1.0048
1875, 0.9761
1876,9147
1880,8997
1881,8897
1882,8923
1883,8712
1884,8727

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FOREIGN SILVER COINS.

	China.	Japan.	Mexico.	India.		Russia.	Austria-Hungary.
				Cal yrs.	Fis. yrs. (a)		
1885,.....	Haikwan Tael. \$1.2679	Yen. \$0.8307	Peso. \$0.8369	Rupee. \$0.3661	Rupee. \$0.3784	Ruble. \$0.6162	Florin. \$0.3804
1886,.....	1.1841	.7758	.7815	.3419	.3616	.5754	.3553
1887,.....	1.1660	.7639	.7696	.3366	.3411	.5666	.3498
1888,.....	1.1187	.7329	.7384	.3230	.3321	.5436	.3356
1889,.....	1.1132	.7293	.7347	.3214	.3204	.5410	.3340
1890,.....	1.2456	.8161	.8221	.3596	.3244	.6052	.3737
1891,.....	1.1762	.7706	.7763	.3396	.3634	.5716	.3529
1892,.....	1.0374	.6797	.6847	.2995	.3306	.5041	.3113(b)
1893,.....	0.9289	.6086	.6131	.2682	.2935	.4514	(b)
1894,.....	.7557	.4951	.4988	.2182	.2525	.3672	(b)
1895,.....	.7786	.5101	.5139	.2248	.2152	.3784	(b)
1896,.....	.8043	.5270	.5309	.2322	.2310	.3908	(b)
1897,.....	.7195	.4714(c)	.4748	.2077	.2289	.3496(d)	(b)
1898,.....	.7024	(c)	.4636	.2028	.2009	(e)	(b)

- (a) Fiscal year ending March 31.
- (b) Value of the Gold Crown on October 1, \$0.203.
- (c) " " Yen " 1, .498
- (d) " " Ruble " July 1, .772
- (e) " " " April 1, .515

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Washington, D. C., February 4, 1899.

Frank H. Hitchcock, Esq.,

Chief, Section of Foreign Markets,

Department of Agriculture.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith equivalents for silver coins, from 1873 to 1884, inclusive, to complete the table, a portion of which was forwarded you a few days since.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

COINS MENTIONED BELOW.

Years.	China.	Japan.	India.		Russia.	Austria-Hungary.
			Cal. Yr.	Fisc. Yr. (a)		
1873,.....	Haikwan Tael. \$1.5448	Yen. \$1.0122	Rupee. \$0.4460	Rupee. —	Ruble. \$0.7507	Florin. \$0.4635
1874,.....	1.5224	0.9974	.4396	0.444159	.7398	.4568
1875,.....	1.4789	.9690	.4270	.436894	.7186	.4437
1876,.....	1.3858	.9080	.4001	.421206	.6735	.4157
1877,.....	1.4308	.9374	.4151	.404146	.6953	.4293
1878,.....	1.3733	.8997	.3965	.409245	.6673	.4120
1879,.....	1.3380	.8766	.3863	.388103	.6502	.4014
1880,.....	1.3631	.8931	.3936	.390955	.6624	.4090
1881,.....	1.3479	.8831	.3892	.392413	.6550	.4044
1882,.....	1.3519	.8857	.3903	.390171	.6570	.4056
1883,.....	1.3199	.8648	.3811	.387805	.6414	.3960
1884,.....	1.3222	.8663	.3817	.381788	.6425	.3967

(a) Fiscal year ended March 31.

Years.	Mexico.
1877,.....	Peso. \$0.9444
1878,.....	.9064
1879,.....	.8831

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